

## AMENDMENT

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| Application #  | 09/367,496           |
| Confirmation # | 4418                 |
| Filing Date    | November 24, 1999    |
| First Inventor | AGUERA               |
| Art Unit       | 1643                 |
| Examiner       | Rawlings, Stephen L. |
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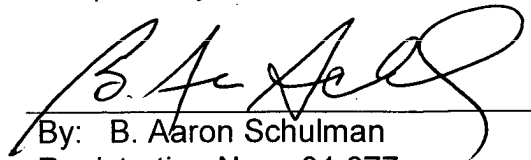
In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2005, please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**, and please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the replacement paragraphs provided herewith in **Attachment B**.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment C**.
- **Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected in the replacement sheets provided herewith in **Attachment D**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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